

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/720,907

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/7/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24 and 26-49.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                              |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>hereto</u> |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>8/9/2005</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                                      |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                               | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                                |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Scott Rothenberger on 9/26/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

In **claim 8**, line 4, the semicolon “;” (which is after the word “acetate”) has been **deleted**.

In **claim 14**, line 1, the word “comprising” (after “claim 13”) has been **deleted** and the phrase --wherein the formulation further comprises-- has been **inserted** **therefore**.

In **claim 15**, line 1, the word “comprising” (after “claim 8”) has been **deleted** and the phrase --wherein the formulation further comprises-- has been **inserted** **therefore**.

In **claim 16**, line 4, the semicolon “;” (which is after the word “acetate”) has been **deleted**.

In **claim 24**, line 1, the word “comprising” (after “claim 16”) has been **deleted** and the phrase --wherein the formulation further comprises-- has been **inserted** **therefore**.

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In **claim 33**, line 4, the **semicolon “;”** (which is after the word “acetate”) has been **deleted**.

In **claim 39**, line 1, the word “comprising” (after “claim 38”) has been **deleted** and the phrase --wherein the formulation further comprises-- has been **inserted** **therefore**.

In **claim 40**, line 1, the word “comprising” (after “claim 33”) has been **deleted** and the phrase --wherein the formulation further comprises-- has been **inserted** **therefore**.

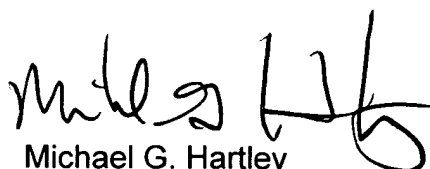
In **claim 41**, line 4, the **semicolon “;”** (which is after the word “acetate”) has been **deleted**.

In **claim 49**, line 1, the word “comprising” (after “claim 41”) has been **deleted** and the phrase --wherein the formulation further comprises-- has been **inserted** **therefore**.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael G. Hartley whose telephone number is (571) 272-0616. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Tu and Th-F, 7:30-4, Telework on Wed..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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